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ROMSEY & STOCKBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

on

the Health

of the

ROMSEY & STOCKBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT

FOR THE YEAR

1968

R. J. K. Tallack, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Medical Officer of Health

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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF ROMSEY AND STOCKBRIDGE

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT FOR 1968

To the Chairman and Members of the Romsey and Stockbridge Rural District Council :

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present for your information and consideration the Annual Report on the health of your District for the year 1968. The Chief Public Health Inspector's Report on the work of the Health Department, with which he is specially concerned, is embodied in the Report.

When considering the Vital Statistics, slight variations from year to year should not normally be regarded as statistically significant in view of the small population of the District.

As you are aware, I commenced duties as your Medical Officer of Health on 2nd December, and I am sure Dr. Jackson would like me to convey her thanks to the members of the staff of the Public Health Department for their work during the year.

I have the honour to be,
Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant

R. J. K. Tallack.

Medical Officer of Health

S T A F F

(as at 31st December 1968)

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH : (part time)

E. Jackson, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (until 31st October 1968)
R.J.K. Tallack, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H. (as from 2nd December 1968)

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR :

H.G. Smith, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. (until 30th September 1968)
M.C. Gratton, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. (as from 1st October 1968)

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR :

M.C. Gratton, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. (until 30th September 1968)

RODENT OFFICER :

R.A. Lanaghan.

GENERAL OFFICE STAFF :

Mrs. I. Flint (until 23rd September 1968)
Mrs. E.V. Mathews (as from 28th October 1968)

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	82,061
Estimated mid-year resident population	25,390
Estimated number of inhabited dwellings	7,696
Rateable Value, 1st April 1969	£882,243
Sum represented by a penny rate (for the financial year ended 31st March 1969	£3,979.17. 5d.
Number of Council Houses built during 1968 ...	13
Total number of Council Houses up to 31st December 1968	1,129

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DISTRICT

The District covers an area of 82,061 acres, approximately 129 square miles, comprising 28 parishes, with a population of 25,390. The District comprises the parishes of the lower Test Valley and those bordering on the Wiltshire border. It is bounded in the South by the Southampton City area and the New Forest, and in the North by Andover Rural District.

The geological formation of the District is mainly chalk, overlaid in places with beds of clay, gravel and sand.

The area is concerned primarily with agriculture, there being in the District several large private estates. The Southern parishes are developing quite rapidly into a dormitory area for Southampton, especially now that improved train services enable daily commuting to London. There are numbers of small industries scattered throughout the District, notably chemical and glue works, gravel and sand extraction in the southern parishes, sawmilling in the wooded areas of the western part of the District, and in the North at the Wallops, turkey processing and a number of light industrial activities such as printing.

The District is crossed by two main holiday routes to the Western Counties, in the South by the A31 and A36 roads, and in the North by the main A30.

Rainfall, Sun hours and Temperatures (as recorded at Southampton) :

Month	Rain (inches)	Sun (hours)	Temperatures	
			Maximum °C	Minimum °C
January	2.67	43.0	8.0	2.2
February	2.17	82.5	6.6	.1
March	.94	156.6	11.6	3.8
April	2.48	193.5	13.8	4.8
May	2.63	195.1	16.4	7.3
June	4.27	192.4	20.6	11.9
July	2.30	180.6	21.2	12.5
August	1.65	135.8	20.7	12.9
September	6.92	141.5	18.9	11.7
October	4.22	61.9	16.9	11.1
November	1.77	56.8	10.3	5.3
December	3.36	40.9	6.7	1.9

September rainfall of 6.92 in. is the highest recorded this century for that month. The fall of 4.27 in. in June is the third highest this century for that month.

EXTRACTS OF VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births :	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	182	185	367
Illegitimate	13	11	24
	195	196	391

Birth Rate :	1967	1968
Per 1,000 estimated resident population	19.5	15.4
Birth Rate for England and Wales	17.2	16.9
After application of Comparability Factor (1.07) ...	20.8	16.48
Illegitimate live births % of total live births ...	7.6	6.1

Still Births :	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	4	7
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	3	4	7

	1967	1968
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births	6	17.6
England and Wales	14.8	14.0
Total live and still births	490	398

Infant Mortality :	Male	Female	Total
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age :			
Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	1	2	3

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :	1967	1968
Infants per 1,000 live births	14.0	8.0
Rate for England and Wales	18.3	18.0
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate births	20.0	8.17
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate births	189.19	-

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks of age) :

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	1	1	2

(The deaths of infants under 4 weeks in England and Wales during 1968 were 10,100 = rate of 12.3/1,000 live births.)

	1967	1968
Rate per 1,000 related live births	12.32	5.11
Rate for England and Wales	12.5	12.3

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (Deaths under 1 week/1,000 total live births) :	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	-	-	Nil
Illegitimate	-	-	Nil

Rate for England and Wales = 10.5 per 1,000 live births.

Perinatal Mortality Rate (Still births and deaths under 1 week/1,000 total live and still births) :	1967	1968
Still births	3	7
Deaths under one week	5	-
	8	7

Rate = 17.6 per 1,000 total live and still births.

Rate for England and Wales = 25 per 1,000 total live and still births.

Maternal Mortality (Death and Death Rates/1,000 total live and still births) :	1967	1968
Number of deaths	Nil	Nil
Maternal Death Rate for England and Wales	0.20	0.24
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births	Nil	Nil
Estimated female population aged 15-44 years England and Wales - 30. 6. 68.	9,413,000	

Deaths : Male = 131 Female = 107 Total = 238

	1967	1968
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated population ...	7.4	9.4
Death Rate for England and Wales	11.2	11.9
After application of Comparability Factor (1.02)	7.32	9.6

The death rate comparability figure is adjusted specifically to take account of any residential institutions in the area.

Population :

The estimated population given by the Registrar-General shows an increase of 380. The births registered during the year exceed the deaths registered by 153 representing, therefore, an immigrant increase of 227. The corresponding increase for 1967 was 241.

The Chief causes of death, in order of frequency :

Amongst the chief causes of death in order of frequency were :-

	1967	1968
	(% of all deaths)	
(a) Disease of the Heart and Circulatory System	67-30.9%	90-37.8%
(b) Cancer of all sites	40-21.7%	63-26.47%
(c) Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	26-14.1%	41-17.22%
(d) Respiratory Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)	24-13%	20- 8.4%

CANCER OF THE LUNG AND BRONCHUS

Deaths from Malignant Neoplasm of Lung and Bronchus

	1965	1966	1967	1968
Male	15	9	6	17
Female	2	1	1	-
	17	10	7	17
As percentage of all deaths from all forms of Cancer	31.5%	21.74%	17.5%	26.9%

CANCER

The number of deaths attributed to Cancer was 63 - 36 males and 27 females, of which 17 (all males) were due to cancer of the lung and bronchus - 26.9% of all cancer deaths.

For comparison, the number of deaths from Cancer and rates per 1,000 of the population in the District since 1965 are as follows :-

Year	Deaths	Death Rate per 1,000 population
1965	54	2.35
1966	46	1.5
1967	40	1.6
1968	63	2.5

SUMMARY OF COMPARATIVE VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Population	Romsey and Stockbridge R.D.C.			England & Wales		
		I.M.R.	B.R.	D.R.	I.M.R.	B.R.	D.R.
1965	23,470	17.03	17.5	10.77	19.0	18.1	11.5
1966	24,420	19.18	17.07	9.9	18.9	17.7	11.7
1967	25,010	14.0	19.5	7.4	18.3	17.2	11.2
1968	25,390	8.0	15.4	9.4	18.0	16.9	11.9

IMR = Infant Mortality Rate expressed as per 1,000 live births.
BR = Birth Rate expressed as per 1,000 resident population.
DR = Death Rate expressed as per 1,000 resident population.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Public Health Officers of the Authority :

1 ... ... Medical Officer of Health (part-time)
1 ... ... Chief Public Health Inspector
1 ... ... Public Health Inspector

Laboratory Facilities :

Chemical examinations are carried out at the City of Southampton Laboratory, and bacteriological examinations at the Public Health Laboratory, Southampton. A fee is charged by the City of Southampton, but the Public Health Laboratory Service under the Public Health Laboratory Service Act, 1960, is now administered by a Board appointed by the Minister of Health, with its own legal status, and no fees are charged.

Ambulance Facilities :

The ambulances operating in the area are controlled for the full 24 hours, seven days a week, from the County Central Control, Winchester - telephone Winchester 61644, and requests for transport should be made to this Control only.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE PROVIDED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL

Details of the Health Visitors, District Nurses and Midwives serving in the area are :-

AREA	SERVICE	NAME AND ADDRESS
Attached to Drs. Rankine, Dale and Wattie. Unattached work in Rownhams and Chilworth.	DN/M	Miss P. Cork, 8, Winfrith Way, Nursling, Southampton. Tel : Rownhams 2239.
King Somborne, Little Somborne, Ashley, Leckford and Stockbridge.	DN/M	Mrs. S. A. Sheppard, "Chelmwood", Station Road, Chilbolton, Stockbridge. Tel : Chilbolton 323.
The Wallops, Longstock.	DN/M	Mrs. J. M. Walker, "Green Gables", Knockwood Road, Nether Wallop, Stockbridge. Tel : Wallop 455.
Attached to Drs. Lalonde, Knight, Johnson, Johnson & Summerhayes, except in Lockerley and West Tytherley.	DN/M	Mrs. S. Prior, 13, Clarendon Close, Great Woodley Estate, Romsey. Tel : Romsey 2671.
Attached to Drs. Rankine, Dale and Wattie, except in West Tytherley and Lockerley.	DN/M	Miss H. Farrell (Sister Bernadette) La Sagesse Convent, Abbey House, Romsey. Tel : Romsey 8212.
Attached to Drs. Lalonde, Knight, Johnson, Johnson & Summerhayes, except in Lockerley and West Tytherley.	DN/M	Mrs. W. R. Picken, "Kyrenia", Megana Way, Braishfield, Romsey. Tel : Braishfield 263.
Attached to Drs. Rankine, Dale and Wattie, except in West Tytherley and Lockerley.	DN/M	Miss J. F. Nunn, 5, Castle Lane, Chandler's Ford. Tel : Chandler's Ford 2107.
Attached to Drs. Lalonde, Knight, Johnson, Johnson & Summerhayes.	DN	Mrs. B. Gilks, 13, The Abbey, Romsey. Tel : Romsey 2116.

AREA	SERVICE	NAME AND ADDRESS
* Broughton, Bossington, Chattis Hill, Houghton.	DN/M/HV	Miss R. Marks, 27, Plough Gardens, Broughton, Stockbridge. Tel : Broughton 249.
* East and West Tytherley, East and West Dean, Buckholt and Lockerley, also for patients of Dr. Lalonde and Partners, and Dr. Rankine and Partners in Lockerley, West Tytherley. Not including patients of Wiltshire Doctors (H.V. only).	DN/M/HV	Miss I. C. Clarke, "Newlands" Rectory Hill, West Dean, Salisbury. Tel : Lockerley 212.
* Attached to Drs. Randall, Cooper & Leftley. Unattached in Sherfield English, East and West Wellow, Newtown.	H.V.	Miss K. Gould, "Linden Lee", Romsey Road, West Wellow, Romsey. Tel : West Wellow 322.
* The Wallops.	H.V.	Miss M. L. Collins, Health Clinic, 70, Junction Road, Andover. Tel : Andover 2554.
Attached to Drs. Lalonde, Knight, Johnson, Johnson and Summerhayes, except in Tytherley and Lockerley.	H.V.	Mrs. A. Taylor, "Beechwood", Ampfield, Romsey. Tel : Braishfield 392.
* Attached to Drs. Rankine, Dale and Wattie, except in Tytherley and Lockerley.	H.V.	Mrs. M. Pointer, "Bryn-Coed", Newtown Road, Sherfield English, Romsey. Tel : Lockerley 377.
Attached to Drs. Lalonde, Knight, Johnson, Johnson and Summerhayes, except in Tytherley and Lockerley. Unattached work in Nursling, Rownhams and Chilworth.	H.V.	Mrs. E. C. Caton, "Somerley", Rownhams Lane, Nursling, Southampton. Tel : Rownhams 2545.

* SPECIAL NOTE :-

Health Visitors working near the Hants/Wilts Border visit Hants Doctor's patients in Wiltshire. Similarly, Wiltshire Health Visitors visit Hants patients of Wiltshire Doctors.

Home Help Service :

The object of the Home Help Service is to relieve anxiety by providing someone to help with the housework and care of children (if any) while the housewife is prevented from working by sickness or accident, or during confinement, or for any other persons aged and sick, requiring help. The Service does not exist to take the place of relatives or neighbours who can help, but to supplement their help or replace them if, for some reason, they are non-existent. The Divisional Office for the Romsey and Stockbridge area is situated at The Red House, Romsey Road, Eastleigh (Telephone : Eastleigh 2558) and is open to the public from 8.30.a.m. to 5.0.p.m. Monday to Friday (inclusive).

Clinics and Treatment Centres :

(a) Child Welfare Clinics :

BROUGHTON	-	Village Hall, High Street.	2nd Wednesday
HOUGHTON	-	Village Hall.	4th Tuesday
KING'S SOMBORNE	-	Village Hall, Romsey Road.	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
LOCKERLEY	-	Memorial Hall, Butts Green.	4th Wednesday
MIDDLE WALLOP	-	Sick Quarters, Army Air Corps Centre.	2nd Wednesday
NORTH BADDESLEY	-	(a) Village Hall.	Every Wednesday (Doctor in attendance 1st and 3rd)
	-	(b) The Surgery, Rownhams Road.	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
NURSLING	-	Village Hall.	4th Tuesday
OVER WALLOP	-	The Church Hall, Main Road.	3rd Monday.
ROMSEY	-	(a) Red Cross Centre, The Gardens.	Every Thursday
	-	(b) Alma Road Surgery.	Every Thursday
SHERFIELD ENGLISH	-	Village Hall.	1st Monday
STOCKBRIDGE	-	Town Hall	4th Tuesday

TIMSBURY	-	Women's Institute Hall, Water Lane.	2nd Tuesday
WEST TYTHERLEY	-	King Edwards Hall	3rd Wednesday
WEST WELLOW	-	Reading Room, Romsey Road.	4th Tuesday

The Child Welfare Clinics are staffed by Health Visitors, Assistant County Medical Officers and Voluntary helpers. The District Nurses attend these Clinics when other duties permit.

Day Nurseries : ... ... Nil

Care of Mothers and Young Children :

Ante-natal care is given by General Practitioners in the District and by the District Nurses, some patients attend Maternity Hospitals in Winchester, Salisbury or Southampton.

Maternity Accommodation :

Maternity Accommodation is the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board. Applications for the admission of normal cases for social reasons are made to the County Medical Officer. Arrangements for the admission of abnormal cases are those requiring institutional confinement on account of medical conditions are made by the General Practitioner Obstetrician directly with the Institution concerned. (N.B. Patients expecting their first babies are now admitted by direct approach to hospital by General Practitioner).

Dental Treatment :

Mobile dental trailers visit the schools throughout the area, and comprehensive dental treatment is available to all pre-school children, expectant and nursing mothers. Appointments can be obtained from the Chief Dental Officer, Health Department, The Castle, Winchester (Telephone : Winchester 4411, Extn. 317).

Mass X-Ray Service : (Children under 10 no mass X-ray)

The area is served by the mobile mass x-ray units maintained by the Hampshire County Council.

Hospitals :

The Wessex Regional Hospital Board supply general maternity and infectious diseases (including tuberculosis) and smallpox hospital services for this area.

THE PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Parish	Estimated Population	Tetanus	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Measles	Meningococcal Infection	Opthalmia Neonatorum	Paratyphoid Fever	Acute Pneumonia	Polio-myelitis P	Polio-myelitis NP	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Smallpox	Tuberculosis R	Tuberculosis NR	Whooping Cough	Total Notifications each Parish
Lockerley	682	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Michelmersh	720	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Mottisfont	386	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
North Baddesley	4,234	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	6
Over Wallop	1,305	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2
Nursling & Rownhams	2,512	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Sherfield English	1,280	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Wellow	2,118	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	27
TOTALS :	13,237	1	-	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	3	43

N.B. There were no infectious diseases notified from the remaining Parishes.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Measles Immunisation :

Below is the number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation and booster treatment during the year, as compared with 1967:-

Ages at date of final treatment	Number having full primary dose		Number having secondary treatment	
	1968	1967	1968	1967
Diphtheria Immunisation alone :				
Under 1	-	-	-	-
1 to 5	-	-	-	1
Others under 16	-	-	-	1
Totals :	-	-	-	2
Combined (Diphtheria/ Whooping Cough) :				
Under 1	-	-	-	-
1 to 5	-	-	-	-
Others under 16	-	-	-	-
Totals :	-	-	-	-
Triple (Diphtheria/ Whooping Cough/ Tetanus):				
Under 1	107	261	13	5
1 to 5	70	139	141	252
Others under 16	1	6	15	16
Totals :	178	406	169	273
Quadrilin (Diphtheria/Tetanus/ Whooping Cough/ Polio :				
Under 1	-	-	-	-
1 to 5	-	-	-	-
Others under 16	-	-	-	1
Totals :	-	-	-	1
Diphtheria/Tetanus:				
Under 1	8	6	3	-
1 to 5	8	12	178	121
Others under 16	27	11	81	100
Totals :	43	29	262	221
Measles :				
Under 1	4	-	-	-
1 to 5	211	-	-	-
Others under 16	8	-	-	-
Totals :	223	-	-	-

POLIOMYELITIS

No cases of Poliomyelitis were notified in the District.

Oral poliomyelitis vaccine is still the most popular form of administration, and is used with only occasionsl exception by General Practitioners, Child Welfare Centres and School Clinics. Vaccinations against Poliomyelitis given were as follows:-

Primary Doses	Re-inforcing Doses
197	234

MEASLES

The number of cases notified was 35.

The following gives the number of cases since 1965, and the attack rate per 1,000 of the population:-

Year	Number of Cases Notified	Attack Rate
1965	321	13.9
1966	109	4.54
1967	240	9.6
1968	35	1.4

WHOOPING COUGH

The number of cases notified was 3. 2 were in the Parish of Wellow and 1 in Rownhams.

The following table gives the number of cases since 1965, and the attack rate per 1,000 of the population:-

Year	Number of Cases Notified	Attack Rate
1965	4	0.18
1966	1	0.04
1967	4	0.16
1968	3	0.12

TUBERCULOSIS

3 primary notifications of Tuberculosis (all pulmonary cases) were received and involved the Parishes of Over Wallop, North Baddesley and Michelmersh. 1 pulmonary case was transferred into the District from another area.

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Primary Notifications - ∅ (New Cases)	2	1	-	-	3
Transferred "In"	1	-	-	-	1
	3	1	-	-	4

Number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register :

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F	
Number on Register as at 31st December 1967	124	79	29	49	281
Number on Register as at 31st December 1968	127	80	29	49	285

Tuberculosis : ∅New Cases - Age Groups :

Age Group	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-
2 - 4 years	1	-	-	-
5 - 9 years	-	-	-	-
10 - 14 years	-	-	-	-
15 - 19 years	-	-	-	-
20 - 24 years	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	-	1	-	-
45 - 54 years	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years	1	-	-	-
65 - 74 years	-	-	-	-
75 and over	-	-	-	-
Totals :	2	1	-	-

Notifiable Cases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year :

Disease	Total cases notified	Deaths
Diphtheria	-	-
Dysentery	-	-
Encephalitis - infective	-	-
Encephalitis - post-infective	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-
Measles	35	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-
Opthalmia Neonatorum ...	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-
Pneumonia - acute	-	-
Poliomyelitis - Paralytic	-	-
Poliomyelitis - Non-paralytic	-	-
Peurperal Pyrexia	1	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-
Smallpox	-	-
Tetanus	1	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-
Whooping Cough	3	-
Totals	40	-

B.C.G. Vaccination :

This valuable service is still made available to school children between the ages of 13 and 14, by the School Health Service.

SMALLPOX

3 Children under 1 year of age in the District were vaccinated against Smallpox during 1968.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER :

The District is supplied with water by two Statutory Undertakings, the City of Southampton and the West Hampshire Water Company.

The Water Undertaking of Reif & Son in the parish of West Tytherley was taken over by Southampton Water Works Department on 1st July 1968, this will account for the large increase in connections in that Parish.

Number of Dwelling Houses connected to the water mains, and mains laid during 1968 :

(i) City of Southampton :

Parish	Total No. supplied	Length of water mains laid yards	Diameter of mains
Ampfield	450	18	4"
Ashley	18	-	-
Bossington	20	-	-
Braishfield	186	24	4"
Broughton	289	-	-
Buckholt	9	-	-
Chilworth	330	-	-
East Dean	77	-	-
East Tytherley	32	113	6"
Frenchmoor	13	-	-
Houghton	121	-	-
King's Somborne	339	28	2"
Lockerley	206	-	-
Longstock	62	-	-
Melchet Park and) Plaitford)	46	-	-
Michelmersh	150	63	4"
Mottisfont	112	-	-
Nether Wallop	228	-	-
North Baddesley	1,128	553	3"
		450	4"
Nursling & Rownhams	782	49	3"
		213	4"
		42	6"
Over Wallop	271	49	3"
Romsey Extra	297	-	-
Sherfield English	360	-	-
Stockbridge	136	-	-
Wellow	88	-	-
West Tytherley	125	84	3"
		2,210	6"
	5,875	3,896	

(ii) West Hampshire Water Company :

Parish	Total No. supplied	Length of water mains laid yards	Diameter of mains
Plaitford	32	-	-
Wellow	442	-	-
	474		

(iii) Other Supplies

Samples from wells and other private supplies were taken by the Department and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Southampton for bacteriological examination.

Number taken	22
" satisfactory	17
" unsatisfactory	5

In the cases of the unsatisfactory samples, where it is not possible to connect to the Mains supply, advice is given to the owners on steps to be taken to ensure a safe supply.

Three samples were taken for Chemical Analysis and were found to be satisfactory.

DRAINAGE and SEWERAGE

The Council's Engineer and Surveyor has kindly supplied the following information regarding the above :-

Whilst Wellow and Stockbridge sewerage schemes were making considerable progress during this period the schemes were not operative during 1968 and therefore no additions were made to the sewers in the district.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

I am pleased to report that a substantial improvement in the service was accomplished.

All parishes now receive a weekly kerbside collection, whilst Chilworth still remains in a slightly favourable position in receiving a weekly backdoor collection.

The improvement from fortnightly to weekly collection was gradual throughout the year and was completed at the beginning of November.

It was necessary to purchase an additional vehicle, viz: an ex-demonstration B.M.C. Eagle 50 cubic yard crush load, and to increase the establishment by two men. This increase not only allowed for the improved service and enabled the oldest vehicle to be kept as a spare for use in emergencies but also sufficient staff for holiday arrangements.

Refuse Disposal :

The refuse tip at Bunny Lane had its fair share of problems during the year by reason of a serious fire which took some time and considerable expense to control. The vehicles used on the tip - the Weatherill shovel and Fordson tractor ran into numerous mechanical troubles and were ultimately replaced by a Bristol Taurus tractor and Winget Dumper which have been working satisfactorily since.

Requests continue to be made for the collection of large items of household refuse and this was done where possible, although in many cases with lack of suitable transport it was not possible to offer any collection service.

During the year a temporary compound was made near the entrance of the tip for the disposal of unwanted items when the tip is closed which has worked well and is worthy of incorporating when the new tip is in operation.

In addition to domestic refuse from the Rural District considerable quantities of trade refuse, and refuse from Romsey Borough, is disposed of at the tip. Car bodies continue to be a problem for disposal and the practice of allowing a breaker within the tip for breaking and removal of deposited car bodies was found to be most unsatisfactory and was discontinued during the latter part of the year.

During the year a new toilet and washing facilities were provided for the Tip Attendant.

Staff and Vehicles :

At the end of the year the complement of men employed on the collection and disposal of refuse and salvage was as follows :-

1	... ...	Foreman
4	... ...	Drivers
1	... ...	Relief Driver
9	... ...	Loaders
1	... ...	Tip Attendant and Tractor Driver
16		

The vehicle and plant fleet was as follows :-

Refuse Collection :

1 Dennis Paxit II (Compression Type)
1 Dennis Paxit Major II (Compression Type)
1 Dennis Paxit Major III (Dual Compression Type)
1 Dennis Paxit Major IIIA (Dual Compression Type)
1 B.M.C. Eagle Compressload (Dual Compression Type)
1 Bedford 15 cwt. Van used by the Foreman

Refuse Disposal

1 Weatherill Shovel
1 Fordson Tractor

Replaced in November by :-

1 Bristol Taurus Tractor
1 Winget Dumper

CARAVANS AND OTHER MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

At the end of the year 34 site licences were in force under the provisions of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act 1960. The number of caravans occupying these sites is 150.

The Model Standards are enforced in full in respect of those licensed sites consisting of more than 3 caravans.

The following licences were issued during the year :-

(a) Sites with only 1 caravan :

Temporary Licences (including renewals)	10
Permanent Licences	NIL

(b) Sites with more than 1 caravan :

Temporary Licences	NIL
Permanent Licences	1

HOUSING

The number of units of accommodation completed during 1968 by the Council and Private Enterprise is as follows :-

Council Dwellings	13
Private "	228

UNFIT HOUSING PROGRAMME

INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES DEMOLISHED OR CLOSED DURING 1968

	Number of Houses	Number of persons displaced	Number of families displaced
1. Housing Act, 1957 :			
(a) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure	3	2	1
(b) Closed - Under Sections 16(4) and 17(1)	-	-	-
(c) Parts of buildings closed - Section 18 ...	-	-	-

2. Unfit Houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied :

(a) As a result of INFORMAL ACTION by the Local Authority	5
(b) After FORMAL NOTICE - Section 16	Nil
(c) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	1
(d) After formal notice under Public Health Acts,	Nil

3. Miscellaneous :

Number of persons re-housed by the Council as a result of action under the Housing Acts, during 1968 3

4. Rent Act, 1957 - Certificate of Disrepair :

No applications were received or dealt with during the year.

5. Number of Standard and Improvement Grants :

The undermentioned table in respect of Standard and Improvement Grants dealt with during the year has been submitted by the Engineer and Surveyor :-

Grants	Number of applications received	Number of applications approved
Standard ...	2	2
Discretionary	36	36

NUISANCES

During the course of the year 51 alleged nuisances were reported, and the necessary action was taken to abate same as shown below :-

Number of Notices served under the Public Health Act, 1936 :-

(Statutory)	6
(Informal)	12
Number of nuisances abated : (Statutory)	5
(Informal)	12

VERMINOUS PREMISES

5 Visits were made to premises for flea and cockroach infestations.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

Inspection and Supervision of Food Premises

520 visits were made. At the end of the year there were 213 food premises in the Rural District as follows :-

Licensed Premises	46	
(This is a reduction of 4 by reason of 2 now being within the City of Southampton boundary, 1 being destroyed by fire and 1 voluntarily closed.)		
Restaurants and Cafes	15	
Butchers Shops	8	
Fish Shops (wet)	4	
Fish & Chip Shops	2	
Clubs	12	
Works Canteens	10	
Bakers	1	*
School Canteens	15	
Grocers & General Shops	85	
Mobile Shops & Road-side Stalls	15	
	213	

* Closed during latter part of the year.

130 contraventions were found during the year and a high proportion remedied by informal action.

No cases of food poisoning were reported during the year.

Section 16 - Food and Drugs Act, 1955 :

(1) Registration of premises for the preparation or manufacture of sausage, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale :

15 premises are now registered for this purpose.

(2) Ice-Cream :

72 premises are now registered for sale and storage of ice-cream.

1 premises is registered for the manufacture of ice-cream.

7 samples of ice-cream were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination with the following results :-

Grade	Ice-Cream
Grade I	5
Grade II	1
Grade III	1
Grade IV	-

MILK AND DAIRIES

The number of licences issued :-

	Total for 5 year period 1966/70	1968
Pasteurised	13	1
Sterilised	1	1
Ultra-heat treated	5	1
Untreated	1	1

Sampling :

Routine sampling was undertaken of all farm bottled untreated milk produced within the Rural District.

There are 13 "untreated" milk licence holders within the district and 68 samples were taken with the following results :

Class of Milk	No. of Samples taken	Appropriate Tests	Samples	
			Passed	Failed
Untreated	68	Methylene Blue	56	
		Ring Test	56	8
		Guinea Pig	2	2

Brucella Abortus :

Four cows found to be producing milk containing Brucella organisms were isolated, and were removed from the respective herds and sent for slaughter.

There are no Pasteurisation Plants in the district.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONS

Unsound food surrendered or condemned :-

Meat at retailer shops	56 lbs.
Cooked meat and meat products	15 lbs.
Canned meat	28 lbs.
Fruit and vegetables (tinned)	21 lbs.
Frozen food	114 lbs.

All this food was voluntarily surrendered by the shop-keepers concerned, and was disposed of to prevent its being used for human consumption.

Slaughterhouses :

No slaughtering is carried out in the district.

Food Control :

The following complaints were received with regard to food which was considered unsound and the action taken is indicated.:-

Foreign object in scone	Warning letter
Mouldy meat pie	Warning letter

2 complaints were received in respect of bottles of milk. Of these, both had dirt or black discolouration on the inside surface and one contained glass. Following the usual practice, these complaints were all referred to the City of Southampton Public Health Department in whose area the milk was bottled.

Poultry Inspection :

Regular inspections at the 4 poultry establishments in the district continued throughout the year. Below are details of inspections carried out :-

(i)	number of poultry processing premises within the district		4
(ii)	number of visits to these premises ...		440
(iii)	number of birds processed during the year	Turkeys	375,000
	... ...	Chickens	57,500
(iv)	percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption		0.1%
(v)	weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption		4,350 lbs.

OBNOXIOUS ODOURS

With an increased movement of population from Urban to Rural areas for retirement etc., numerous complaints were received with regard to manure spreading.

Very rarely can formal action be taken or indeed is justified but advice and co-operation normally brings satisfactory results.

NOISE ABATEMENT

Complaints continue to be received in areas where industrial development has been permitted in close proximity to residential areas.

Advice on insulation and general means of improving noise levels has proved to have the desired effect of reducing levels to a point where they are tolerated by local residents but far more consideration must be given to these problems at a planning stage in the future when they can be dealt with far more effectively.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health :

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	1	-	-
Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	65	10	6	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Totals :	66	11	6	-

2. Cases in which defects were found :

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences :- (a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	-	1	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act	-	-	-	-	
Totals :	6	6	-	1	-

3. Outworkers :

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel, Making etc., Cleaning and Washing	6	-	-	-	-	-
Other Work	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals :	6	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICES, SHOPS and RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

This year was mainly taken up with revisits to registered premises where work was outstanding from Notices served during the previous year.

Work was carried out to remedy 68 items concerning mainly the provision of an abstract (32), thermometers (10), and first aid materials (26). No exemptions were asked for and no prosecutions were instituted.

No accidents were reported during the year.

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year
Offices ...	-	18	9
Retail Shops	3	67	32
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	-	2	2
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	-	15	4
Fuel storage depots ...	-	-	-

Analysis of persons employed in premises registered up to the end of the year was as follows :-

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	143
Retail Shops	197
Wholesale departments, warehouses	93
Catering establishments open to the public	81
Canteens	12
Fuel storage depots ...	-
Total :	526
Total Males :	192
Total Females :	334

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.

There were 10 animal boarding establishments in the area for which licences were issued during the year, and I am glad to say that a high standard is being maintained at most of them.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

Licences were issued in respect of 1 premises which was found to comply with the provisions of this Act.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949 AND THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS (THRESHING & DISMANTLING OF RICKS) REGULATIONS, 1950

The duties imposed upon Local Authorities by Section 2 of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 are to secure, as far as practicable, that the District is kept free from rats and/or mice; a staff of one is permanently employed in carrying out the Council's obligations.

Service or disinfestation to private property is indirectly free, the cost being borne by the General Rate Fund. For all business and agricultural premises requiring service, a charge of 17/6d. per hour applies.

All classes of property have been inspected including the Council's Refuse Tip and Sewage Disposal Works; particular attention has also been paid to banks, ditches and hedgerows where such sources of infestation can cause adjacent property to become infested.

Complaints are dealt with as soon as possible.

'Warfarin' has again been used exclusively during the year and has given excellent results, no resistance to this rodenticide being experienced in the Council's area.

Several heavy infestations were found during this period, but it can be assured that every effort is made to keep the area to a minimum of infestations.

Details of Work :	1968
Income from Industrial and Agricultural properties	£129. 8s. 0d.
Number of complaints received	518
Number of infestations found	674
Number of infestations dealt with ...	674